

HIT OR MISS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

A COUPLE of months ago a dozen players, members of various big league teams, arrived at Hot Springs, Ark., under orders from their managers to do general training and get into good physical condition before reporting at the regular training camps of their clubs.

There will be none of this next year, however, judging from what presidents of two clubs who had players there say. There was a regular orgy from the time the men arrived until they left. Drinking to excess, gambling and other forms of dissipation occupied the greater part of their time, the monotony being varied by a general rough and tumble fight one night over nothing in particular when the men were "half shot," to use a vulgar expression.

Two or three of the players received minor injuries in this battle, which they explained later to their managers as having been caused by accidents while training.

Not every man that visited Hot Springs alone this way got in the general revelry. There were a few exceptions. The players that were sent there to train themselves included Hub Perdue, Bert Whaling and Bill Sweeney of the Boston Braves; McHale, Keating, Warhop, Cole and Tom Daly of the New York Yankees; Ragan, Reulbach, Rucker, Allen, Wagner and Irwin of the Brooklyn Dodgers and a few others.

Why wasn't any news about the "high jinks" telegraphed out of Hot Springs to the newspapers?

Answer: The only regular newspaper correspondents in Hot Springs are two in number; one is press agent of one big hotel and the other press agent of its chief rival; it was to their interest to keep this quiet so that the players would be sent there again next year to pay hotel bills.

FULLER details of the attack upon John McGraw of the New York Giants by Pat Newman, captain of the Houston team in the Texas league, shows that McGraw was not given a chance to defend himself. Newman plays first base for Houston and in a game Fred Snodgrass slid back to the bag and Newman began to abuse him, saying he was trying to spike him.

Newman was profane and McGraw told him to cut out the rough stuff, as there were women in the stands. The next day Newman, in full uniform, got into the grandstand and waited for McGraw to come along. Mac didn't know any trouble was brewing, and was passing Newman when Pat swung with his right hitting Mac in the mouth and putting him down and out.

Arthur Fletcher was on the bench putting on his shoes and he leaped into the stand and gave Newman the trimming of his life. Fletcher is nursing a broken finger on his left hand, but he whipped Newman easily with his right, finally knocking him into one of the boxes. McGraw did not know for quite a while who had hit him.

Newman will likely lose his job for McGraw is very popular with the men who own the Houston team. Newman had a trial with the St. Louis American league team but did not stick. He was touted as a better from away back but could not do much damage to the American league pitchers.

His attack on McGraw was cowardly in the extreme for he is much the larger man and in addition he gave Mac no chance to defend himself.

FORD, AUTO MAGNATE, OFFERS SWINDLER JOB

PHILADELPHIA.—It is learned that Henry Ford, head of the Detroit Motor Company, had written a letter interceding for the release of a young man who obtained \$18 at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel last week by representing himself as "Henry E. Ford, Jr.," son of the manufacturer.

The letter also offers the unfortunate man a position in the factory at Detroit.

USING UNNECESSARY WORDS.

Professor Lounsbury has a little quiet fun at the expense of our modern tendency to condense meaning in as few words as possible, in Harper's Magazine, where he writes on "Expletives and Non-Expletives." If we were consistent in our omission of unnecessary words we should say, "Go you to Europe this summer?" Instead of "Do you go?" which is redundant. Professor Lounsbury writes also on the correct use of "hither" and "here," and of the use of "from hence" instead of merely "hence," and in this latter case he quotes very high authorities for the use of "from hence"—proving his constant contention that usage makes right where language is concerned.

HARDENING TWIST DRILLS.

The English Mechanic reports a simple method of hardening ordinary twist drills, so that they will cut into tempered steel or very hard rock. Sulphuric acid is placed into a flat-bottomed vessel to about the depth that the extra hardening is desired, as for instance, one-eighth inch. Should the drill break off, rehardened in acid that is of less depth. Above the hardened end the metal remains soft. The object of placing only a fixed depth of acid in a flat pan is to have the pan bottom limit the extent of the hardening.

NEWS THAT COMMENT THAT'S NEWS

MISS WILLIAMS AND MISS MURPHY WILL TRY FOR TENNIS CUP

The finals of the Oahu College girls' novice tennis tournament will be played this afternoon on the Alexander Courts between Miss Thelma Murphy and Miss Mele Williams. The contestants of the final game have found the rest of the novices whom they have come across during the course of the tournament rather easy and have not really had to show their worth as racket swingers.

In the semi-finals Miss Williams defeated Miss Pratt in a very one-sided match, and Miss Murphy found her way to the finals by winning from Miss Sanderson in an equally one-sided affair. With the cup, offered by a friend of the school, in view, the match this afternoon should be the closest and most interesting of the novice tournament.

Soon after the end of the novice round the girls of Oahu College will hold another tournament for the championship of the school. Those who have not been allowed to go into the novice event will be able to enter the championship race. With Miss Gibb, former champion of the school and Miss Edith Carter, former champion of the Prep, in the coming tournament, the race for the championship will afford some good games.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES IN THE BIG LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Cleveland—St. Louis 6, Cleveland 3.
At Chicago—Detroit 1, Chicago 0, (11 innings).
At Boston—New York 1, Boston 0.
At Washington—Philadelphia 4, Washington 6.
NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Pittsburgh—Chicago 0, Pittsburgh 7.
At St. Louis—Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 3.
At Philadelphia—Brooklyn 5, Philadelphia 6.
All other games postponed.

BABY ASTOR OUTWITS MOVING PICTURE MEN

[By Latest Mail]
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (W. Va.).—Efforts of photographers and moving picture men here to get picture of Master John Jacob Astor have been prevented by the Astor nurse. She has an attachment on the handle of the child's go-cart by which a push of a button sends down the hood of the carriage and the baby is completely hidden.

ATLANTIC AEROPLANE COMPLETED IN JUNE

[By Latest Mail]
NEW YORK, April.—Glenn H. Curtiss, who is constructing Rodman Wanamaker's transatlantic hydro-aeroplane, says he expects to have the craft completed early in June and that the flight would probably be attempted early in August.

THE MAKING OF TINFOIL.

Tinfoil, which is extensively used for wrapping tobacco, certain food products and many articles of commerce, is a composite structure of lead with a thin coating of tin on each side. First a tin pipe is made of a thickness proportionate to its diameter. This pipe is then filled with molten lead and flattened out by rolling or beating to the extreme thinness required. The tin coating spreads simultaneously with the spreading of the lead core, and through the cohesion of the lead and tin particle maintains a thin, even coating of tin on each side of the lead center even though it may be reduced to a thickness of less than .001 inch.—The American Inventor.

KEEPING IT QUIET.

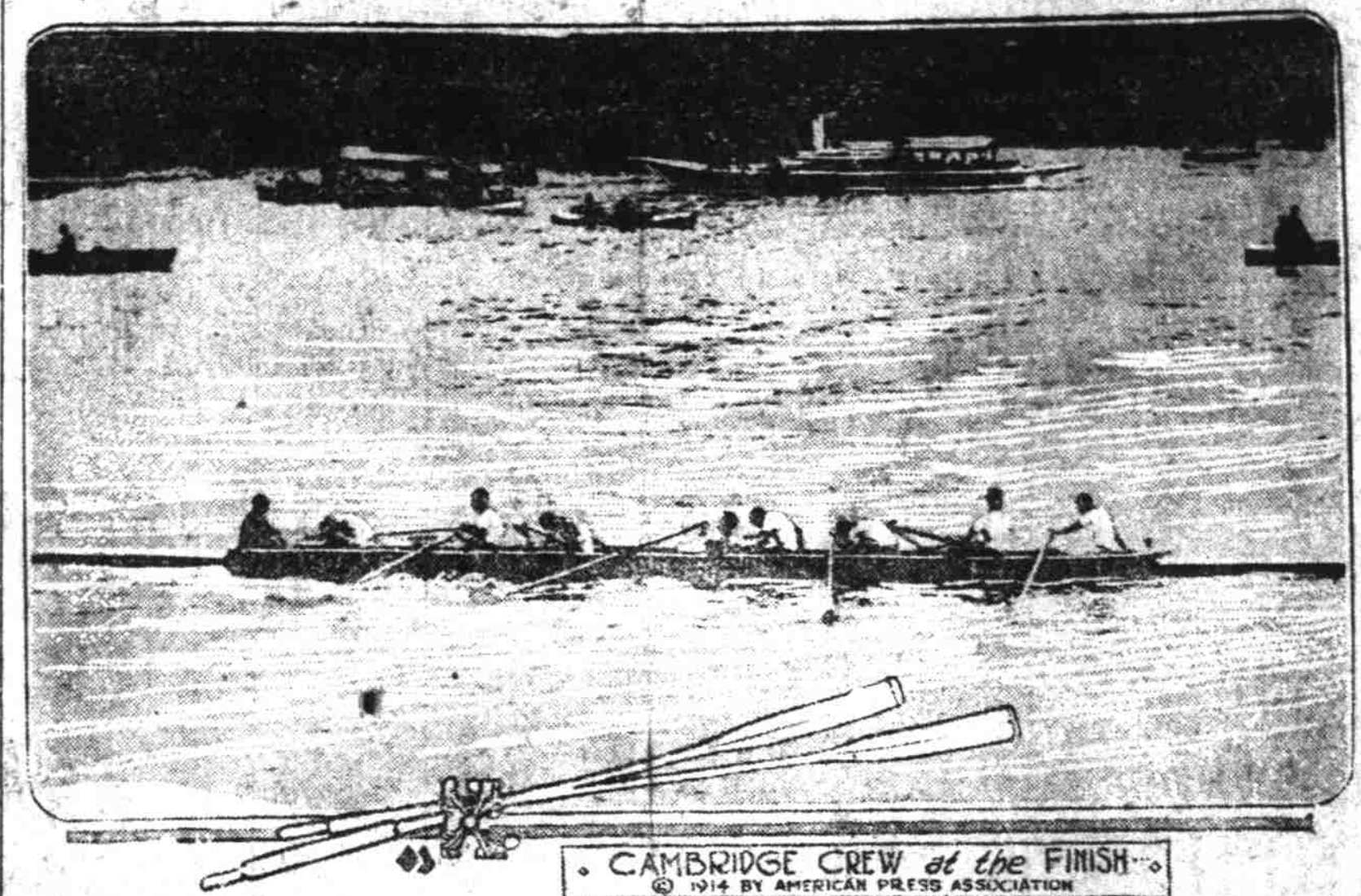
The Press of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, says: "Every few days one reads in the papers of some couple being 'quietly married.' Isn't this meaningless phrase about worn out? Who ever heard of a couple being noisily married? Never heard of being 'noisily married.' Have heard of being 'silently married' when the bride was deaf and dumb."

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AT FINISH OF GREAT ENGLISH ROWING RACE; CAMBRIDGE VICTORS COLLAPSE IN SHELL



The accompanying illustration shows how desperately Cambridge University had to struggle to defeat Oxford in their annual rowing race on the Thames near London. Several of the men, it will be seen, collapsed. The photo was snapped just after the shell crossed the finish line.

SEVEN NATIONS ARE TRYING FOR THE DAVIS CUP

Seven nations will contest for the Davis cup this year. The six who have entered challenges against the United States are Germany, Canada, Australia, British Isles, Belgium and France. The United States, of course, will stand out and meet in the challenge round the winner of the preliminary ties between the six challenging nations. The draw for the preliminary ties resulted as follows:

Preliminary round—Canada vs. Australasia; British Isles vs. Belgium.

First round—Germany vs. winner of Canada vs. Australasia; France vs. winner of British Isles vs. Belgium.

Saturday, July 25, has been fixed as the day upon which the first round must be completed; Saturday, August 1, for the second, and Saturday, August 8, for the third and final. The challenging tie will be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 13, 14 and 15.

No selections have yet been made for the location of any of the ties. The challenging tie, of course, will be played in this country and it looks as if the West Side Tennis Club will secure the coveted honor for its new grass course at Forest Hills on Long Island. Canada vs. Australasia will be played either in the United States or in Canada, most likely in Canada. British Isles vs. Belgium will probably be played in England. It is hoped that all the rest of the ties will be played in this country and the chances are quite strong that they will, on account of the fact that the rounds follow each other weekly, and if any but the preliminary ties are played abroad the team of the winning country would have to undergo an ocean voyage in the intervening week, something which would undoubtedly put them entirely off their game. Such of the preliminary ties as are to be played in this country will probably be parcelled out among various Eastern cities, including Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Brooklyn. No international matches have been played in this country since 1902, and there is no question but that the forthcoming matches this summer will draw enormous crowds wherever they are staged. The West Side Tennis Club, if it secures the challenge round, plans to provide seating accommodations for 25,000 spectators.

Australasia is the only country which has definitely picked out its team, which consists of Anthony F. Wilding, Norman E. Brooks, Alfred W. Dunlop and Stanley N. Doubt. On paper this looks like the most formidable aggregation any one of the nations can produce, not even excepting the United States, although, of course, Wilding and Brooks are really the whole strength of the Australasia team. Wilding, we know, is right on top of his game, and is foremost among the world's best today. It remains to be seen what Brooks will do after an absence of seven years from foreign competition. His last appearance was at Wimbledon in 1907, when he won the English title without effort and defeated Beals Wright in the Davis cup matches in straight sets.

TRAIN TIME.

A Kansas editor, since the ruling of the interstate commission cut off his pass, has dropped the time-table from his paper and prints this line: "Trains are due when you see the smoke!"

LITTLE THINGS THAT DISRUPT BASEBALL CLUBS

By CHRISTY MATHEWSON.

Few fans realize how important a part the treatment of the men on a ball club plays in the finish of a race. The manager who gets the most out of his team is the one who keeps his players satisfied with the conditions. A slight mistake in handling men will often make a great difference in results.

The story is that a telegram held up by the Philadelphia management, was responsible for Tom Seaton's jumping to the Federal league. Mrs. Seaton was ill last summer while the Phillies were playing an important series with the Chicago club. A telegram came for Seaton just before game time one day when Doolin had counted on this star to work. The wire was held up until after the game so that Tom would not have anything on his mind to worry him and keep him from pitching his best. The telegram urged the Philadelphia pitcher to come home at once because of the serious condition of his wife.

Neither Mrs. Seaton nor Tom ever forgave the Philadelphia management for interfering with the delivery of the telegram, and the result was that the Quakers lost a star pitcher.

Is Rule With Managers.

It does not strike me, however, that this was especially bad treatment, for many clubs make this same rule, and even a man who is so consistently thoughtful of his players as "Connie" Mack does not permit them to receive any wires, telegraph or telephone, after they have put on their uniforms. But Mrs. Seaton and Tom thought it was bad treatment, so that when the Federals came around flitting with the Philadelphia star he jumped, after being urged to do so by his wife. To be sure, Doolin did not know the Federals were going to break out all over the place when he intercepted the telegram last summer, because he wanted his star to go into the box with his mind free from worry. But this illustrates how a little thing is liable to affect the future of a ball club, and how careful a manager must be in the treatment of his men.

Doolin did what the best manager in baseball would have probably done under the same circumstances, but he should have done everything possible afterward to change the attitude of the player toward the club. McGraw will not permit players to receive telegrams on the bench, but he will open the wires himself to see whether it is anything very urgent. Very few men can play good ball with something on their minds besides the game, and it is wiser to keep a player out of the game than to let him start with this mental handicap. In an urgent case, McGraw would pass along the telegram.

I saw "Joe" Tinker give a remarkable demonstration of nerve last summer in a series with the Giants in New York. Just before the game, he received a telegram saying his wife was very ill and that it might be necessary for him to leave for Chicago that night to submit to an operation for skin grafting to save her life. He left directions with the telegraph company that he was to have all wires rushed to him at the Polo grounds and then, with this trouble on his mind, he went into the contest and played the most spectacular ball I have seen him show all season. But Tinker is a remarkable ball player.

POLO MANAGERS FROM ENGLAND WILL BE USED

[By Latest Mail]

NEW YORK.—E. D. Miller, who managed the stable of ponies used by the British polo players during their visit here last year, and C. Marsham will arrive in this city soon, prepared to take a prominent part in the polo activities of the coming season. Mr. Marsham will go at once to Piping Rock, where he is to take the management of the fields and arrange for the season's play, at that point. His primary duties for the present will be to make arrangements for the care of the string of ponies of the British players and arrange practice games for the members of the team.

After the long season is ended he will go to Point Judith and have charge of affairs at that famous field. He has contracted to take active management of affairs at both places for two years, and as he comes from Ranelagh, will introduce Ranelagh methods and practices, which are reputed to be the best in the world.

Mr. Miller will be in charge of several of the minor fields on Long Island. He, too, is a Ranelagh man and knows the game in all its phases. To him has been allotted the task of adjusting the teams of the various clubs on the island so that they will be more nearly matched in their games. One trouble the sport has lost by has been the one-sided character of the games. This he will try to obviate by a system of local adjustments of handicaps so as to bring the players more nearly together and improve the sport both for spectators and players.

Miller comes with the reputation of being one of the most competent handicappers in England, and in arranging the handicaps will follow the plans which have proved so successful both at Ranelagh and Hurlingham. Polo enthusiasts think this will have a material influence in popularizing the sport and inducing young players to take part in contests in which they will not be wholly overshadowed by a team of high handicapped men, as they will then have the support of strong players to help them out instead of contending in hard contests against teams that outclass them. On the face of it the plan looks to be the best that has yet been devised to popularize the sport.

ACTOR HACKETT, RICH, ASPIRES TO PEERAGE

LONDON.—Now that James K. Hackett the actor, has become a wealthy man through an inheritance from a niece, he has an ambition to become a peer.

I never saw his nerve broken when he is in a bad mood.

Probably the most thoughtful manager whose men are concerned is "Connie" Mack. When John Coombs was ill last fall after his ineffectual attempt to come back, late in the season Mack had a wire run to the bed side of the sick pitcher so that he could get constant bulletins from the field and follow the world's series games. Mack paid for the installing of the wire and the telegraph tolls, and made Coombs very contented. It is this sort of treatment that attaches his players to "Connie" Mack and is responsible for the fact that not a single one considered jumping to the Federals. "Connie" keeps a great hold on his men just from such actions as that one in the case of Coombs.

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GOLF GOSSIP

[By Latest Mail]

NEW YORK.—If numerical strength is taken as the standard there will be no question in England as to the status of American golf after the playing of the English amateur championship on the Royal St. George Golf Club course at Sandwich, May 18 and 19. Although the entry list does not close until May 12 the United States contingent for Sandwich already totals eleven and late entries from home players and those living abroad may almost double this number. That it is the desire of the Royal St. George Club to make the 1914 English amateur championship a real international competition is attested to by the fact that more than one thousand invitations to compete have been sent to all parts of the world.

The American response must certainly be gratifying since almost a dozen amateurs including the United States open and amateur champions, are already practicing on English links for the coming event. Whether the honor of capturing the five hundred dollar trophy emblematic of the championship will fall to the lot of any one of these entrants only the future will disclose. Regardless of the final outcome, however, it can be safely assumed that no other nation so far removed from England as the United States will be represented by a contingent of golfers superior either in quality or quantity.

At the present time eleven prospective competitors from the United States are gathering at Sandwich and even though there are no further additions to this squad, American golf will be well represented. Using the 1913 handicap list of the United States Golf Association as a rating basis these players and the clubs of which they are members, are as follows:

Scratch—Jerome D. Travers, Upper Montclair Country Club, Upper Montclair, N. J.; United States amateur champion; handicap 2, Frederick Herreshoff, National Links, Shinnecock, L. I.; handicaps 3, P. W. Whittemore, Brookline Country Club, Brookline, Mass.; handicaps 4, Francis Oulmet, Woodland Golf Club, Auburndale, Mass.; United States open champion; C. W. Inslee, Oneida Community; A. G. Lockwood, Belmont Springs Country Club, Waverly, Mass.; Harold Weber, Iversness Club, Toledo, O.; R. W. Brown, Belmont Springs Country Club, Waverly, Mass.; handicaps 5, H. J. Topping, Greenwich, Conn., and Fraser Hale, Edgewater Golf Club, Chicago, Ill., and Edward S. Knapp.

It is but natural that the hopes of the stay-at-home golfer should be pinned upon the play of the two American champions, Jerome Travers and Francis Oulmet, and the form shown by these players during the early days of the practice abroad appears to warrant this faith. The fact that a record entry is expected and the luck of the draw may develop handicapping combinations must be taken into consideration. Under these conditions there exists the possibility that one of the minor ranked players, either English or American, may come through and prove the surprise of the tournament as was the case in the American open championship last fall, when Oulmet sprang into international fame by tying and then defeating Ray and Vardon in the play-off for the title.

Regardless of the outcome, however, the coming tournament at Sandwich promises to be one of the most important, from an international standpoint, ever staged in England. Although the entry list does not close until May 12 and the draw made the following day, elaborate preparations for the tournament are already under way. The few hotels and inns have been booked to capacity for weeks past and the question of accommodations is a serious problem for the late entrants. A special train for golfers and spectators will be run between London and the course. Sandwich is seventy-two miles from London, but off the main line and the ordinary running time is close to three hours. Because of the poor transit facilities in the past the gallery has seldom exceeded three or four hundred. Conditions, however, will be entirely different this season, for in addition to the American entries, Canada, Australia and France are also represented together with the usual English entry. This international gathering of golfers will undoubtedly attract a gallery of several thousand.

The course from a playing standpoint is considered an excellent test of all-round ability and the winner of the final round will well deserve the honors which go with the championship. The distance for the full eighteen holes is 6,594 yards. The course has been greatly altered and lengthened since 1904 when Walter J. Travis won the English championship there and is considerably different from the course as usually played on by club members. Under the championship conditions the outward round will be 3,043 yards with a scratch score of 38. The sixth hole is the shortest, 160 yards and the seventh the longest, being 490 yards from tee to cup. Coming home the course is 3,551 yards with the sixteenth the shortest hole at 160 yards and the thirteenth the longest, being 481 yards. The scratch score is forty, giving a total of 78 for the entire eighteen holes.

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